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son of THE Brahman



Siddhartha is a young boy son of a Brahman. Govinda is Siddhartha's best friend. They don't like the path they are taking to find Enlightenment. He decides to join the Samanas to become ascetics in their search for enlightenment. Govinda wouldn't accompany Siddhartha, he was afraid of leaving his parents. To find enlightenment he needs to leave his home.

Siddhartha decides to talk with his father. When Siddhartha told his dad, the Brahman was really angry. His dad didn't want him to leave with the Samanas. Finally Siddhartha's dad lets him leave. At night Siddhartha left and went to see the pilgrims. When he got there he saw Govinda. He had come there to go through the adventure with Siddhartha.

WITH THE samangas



Siddhartha had been looking for enlightening everywhere. He and Govinda decide to leave their houses to join the Samanas and their fasting contest. At evening Siddhartha cached up with the Ascetics and the Samanas. They were offering their companionship and they were accepted. He had to throw all his clothes away and fast for 28 days. He could just eat once a day during his non-fasting period. He has to go through a Feast of Strength. He had to stand in the sun without water, in the rain without an umbrella and stand in a thorn bush.

Siddhartha's goal at this time was "become empty, empty of thirst, empty of wishing, empty of dreams, empty of joy and sorrow."(Siddhartha page 34). Days later Siddhartha asked Govinda if they are making any progress. He didn't think that there was progress and he tells Govinda that he is leaving the Samanas. He goes to share the news with the oldest of the Samanas. The Buddha gets angry about the decision. Siddhartha hypnotized him and he agreed politely. Govinda was impressed.



With the Samanas

"Become empty, empty of thirst, empty of wishing, empty of dreams, empty of joy and sorrow."

This chapter begins when Siddhartha and Govinda go with the Samanas to the forest. There both of them start a life with a lot of pain because their purpose is to don't want any desires. Their goal is to become empty, empty of thirst, empty of wishing, empty of dreams, empty of joy and sorrow. They start to think if giving up all desires would bring them enlightenment, or it would give them a bad life.

They realize that the life of a Samana would not bring them enlightenment. One day they hear of Gotama and Siddhartha tells the eldest Samana that they will go with Gotama. The eldest Samana becomes angry and Siddhartha makes something that makes the old man make silence. At the end, Siddhartha tells Govinda that he does not want to walk in water, that he will let the old Samanas be happy with those feats.



THE SON OF THE BRAHMAN

"Govinda realized: Now it is beginning, now Siddhartha is taking his own way, now his fate is beginning to sprout, and with his, my own"

A lot of time ago in a place far far away...

There was a man named Siddhartha, he studied Hinduism. Siddhartha had a friend named Govinda who loved him. Like Siddhartha, Govinda also studied Hinduism and was son of a brahmin. One day Siddhartha started to find discontent in himself, he started to feel that he love of his father, mother and Govinda would not bring him joy forever. One day Siddhartha and Govinda go to meditate on a tree, there Govinda realizes that Siddhartha is taking his own way.

Govinda asks Siddhartha if his father will allow him to do that, and Siddhartha says that tomorrow he will start the life of a Samana. Then Siddhartha asks his father permission to go with the Samanas, Siddhartha's father waits an entire night to choose his answer, but he couldn't sleep because when he tries to he went to a window and saw Siddhartha waiting. Siddhartha's father allows him to go with the Samanas after Siddhartha insists a lot. But Siddhartha doesn't go alone, he goes with Govinda.



Gotama

Siddhartha and Govinda were in their search for Gotama. When they first arrived to Savathi in the first house people offer food. The two ascetics finally found out they the food was given by Gotama. They slept in Jetavana they waked up and realized many other many slept there too. As Siddhartha saw the Buddha and he instantly realize he was the one. The Buddha expressed perfection, enlightenment, etc. He expressed everything, happiness, sadness, peace, etc. He expressed everything, happiness, sadness, peace, light, etc. Siddhartha loved the way Gotama Radiated joy, peace, light, knowledge, and perfection.

In the afternoon they heard his teachings, he teached suffering, the origins of suffering and how to relief suffering, he teached the four noble truths and the eightfold path. Govinda started to follow Gotama, but Siddhartha didn't want to follow Gotama. Siddhartha told him that you can't teach how to reach enlightenment you have to reach enlightenment you have to reach it by yourself, they also talked about how he teached about the world.



Awakening

Siddhartha left the grove where he was supposed to be learning how to reach enlightenment. He left the grove because he felt enlightenment couldn't be taught, you have to learn it yourself. When he left the grove Govinda stayed with Gotama, the Buddha, learning how to reach enlightenment. Siddhartha realizes that he doesn't even know himself and he needs to figure it out. Since he is done with teachers he is going to be his own teacher to learn enlightenment through himself.

He was going to go back home but then notices that back home he will never reach enlightenment. Since he is not an ascetic nor a priest he decides to follow his own path to reach enlightenment. He feels like it's the first time that he is meeting the world and thinking deeply, he feels like he was just born and is awakening. Then he realizes that he is going to be all by himself and won't know how to dress or what language to speak. Siddhartha feels alone and becomes very sad and depressed because he is all by himself with no one by his



Kamala

As Siddhartha, is walking through nature, he recognizes the beauty in everything and feels present for the first time. He has stay with the ferryman and he dream with Giovinda. He takes Siddhartha across the river which the ferryman sees wisdom. Siddhartha couldn't pay the ferryman so he goes. Then he goes through a village.

Siddhartha arrives at a village and sees a young beautiful woman in a stream. She tries to seduce him but Siddhartha says no and go to another village, the he met Kamala. Kamala didn't want that Siddhartha reach enlightenment, she want to get presents such as clothes, shoes and lots of money. Kamala want Siddhartha make money, so she suggested seeing Kamaswami. Also Kamala is going to teach Siddhartha how to understand love.



With the Childlike People

Kamala suggested Siddhartha to go to Kamaswani so he could make money. Siddhartha went to Kamaswani, Kamaswani is a very famous merchant. Siddhartha told Kamaswani that he was without possession. Kamaswani saw that Siddhartha could read and write and ask Siddhartha to stay with him and Siddhartha said yes.

After some days Siddhartha and Kamaswani became good friends and started to make money. They bought clothes and Siddhartha gave it to Kamala so she was happy. They went to a village to buy rice, but the merchant before them had taken the last of the rice. Siddhartha said to Kamaswani to stay and wait for the rice, but Kamaswani told Siddhartha to stop wasting time and money. Siddhartha was happy there because she made friend and wanted to stay. Kamaswani convince Siddhartha to go back to the town. When they got back, Siddhartha went to see Kamala but he was tired of all the desires and he wanted to go back to enlightenment, so he leave Kamala



Samsara

Siddhartha had lived a life about things like lust and power. He had his own house with his own servants. People started going for him for advices or money, but no one was close to him, just Kamala. Siddhartha learn to play with dices, dress nice but still he didn't feel comfortable. He stays in bed, loses patient with Kamaswami. Siddhartha's voice started to be quiet which that means he is going in the wrong way to enlightenment. His weakness becomes throwing the dices and winning always the games. One night, Siddhartha dreamed that Kamala's pet song bird turns mute. He goes to the cage of the bird and he was dead, he picks it up and threw it away, thinking he was throwing all the good things. When he wakes up, he feels sad. Siddhartha went to his garden thinking of all his moments of happiness. It was all a game, bad thinking, the inside voice dead. Good thinking, he can hear again his voice forward his new path. He decides to leave all bad things and leave town. Everyone looks for him and Kamala finds out he is pregnant.



By the river

Siddhartha was walking alone in the forest, he was already far away from the city and he knew he couldn't go back. He felt really bad and didn't want to know anything. After walking for a long time he fell asleep. When he woke up he was Govinda next to him. Govinda didn't recognize him. Siddhartha asked him "what are you doing here?" and he said that it is not good to sleep in that place where there are wild animals. After a while of talking, Govinda realized that the man who was talking to was Siddhartha. Govinda asked that how a person as rich as him could be there. Siddhartha said he was on a pilgrimage but Govinda didn't believe him. It was strange for him that a man with those clothes and shoes could be doing that. After talking for a while Govinda left. After a while Siddhartha started thinking that he was there because he was going to be a kid again and that he was going to leave a new life. He also got attached with the river and said he wanted to stay in the river forever.



The Ferryman:

"My present path, my present life, shall also take its start here"

Siddhartha decides to live by the river where he had met Vasudeva. One day, Siddhartha became his assistant. As the days passed, Vasudeva taught how to listen and talk to the river. Vasudeva was a great listener and Siddhartha was happy to confess with him. Kamala and her son were going to see the dying Buddha. They were traveling by the river but her son soon grown tired and disobedient.

They were on their way to the dying Buddha, when her son made Kamala rest so when he was chewing a banana, he heard Kamala scream. The son went to see Kamala and a small snake came out of Kamala's dress. They ran to reach the people but Kamala collapsed. The son started crying for help. Vasudeva heard the screams and started walking and took Kamala in his arms. After Kamala's wound was washed Kamala and Siddhartha were speaking until she died. Vasudeva told Siddhartha to build a funeral for Kamala in the same place that his wife was.



The Son:

"Siddhartha understood that his son did not know him, that he could not love him like a father"

Siddhartha's son start leaving in Vasudeva's hut. His father doesn't force him to be happy in poverty but he do de best to win him over. Siddhartha's son has a stubbornly disobedient heart. His son gave him suffering and worry, but he steal love him. Vasudeva had talk to the river and the river had laugh about the boy. The boy cant prosper in the hut, but his father doesn't punish him, force him or beat him. So Vasudeva said to Siddhartha to take his son to Kamala's house in the city and bring a teacher so he could among girls and boys

Vasudeva gave Siddhartha advices and make him think about what was he doing, he told Siddhartha about what could he be possibly be doing to his son. The love that Siddhartha had for the boy was really strong. The father was a really good man he was tired of him by letting him prisoner in that horrible hut. A day came were the boy didn't obey his father and instead he just treat him really bad, he was so frustrated that he said the worst and the most mean thing to his father and he ran away and his father was looking for him . Siddhartha felt asleep in the woods and then he lay down on his bed and after a while Vasudeva came to him to offer a bowl of coconut milk he already found him asleep.



OM

Siddhartha's son ran away to the city. One day he decided to tell his feelings to the ferryman and the ferryman told him to go to the river with him, when they were near the river the ferryman told him to listen. Siddhartha heard many voices from the river that were saying the Om. After hearing all these voices he learns the Om and becomes enlightened.

While in the river Siddhartha heard child voices and an voices he heard sadness and happiness. He understood the world as it was. He learned to love everything. He saw that the ferryman had been enlightened all this time, but he hadn't seen it. He stopped feeling pain, he was finally in peace.

